

What K–12 Educators Need to Know about Spring 2016 SAT® Scores

Below is information on accessing, understanding, and using the new SAT® scores. We've also created a resource page — sat.org/k12-scores — with links to more on these topics.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 9:** March SAT data file released to educators in the online K–12 score portal; concordance tools available to help students and educators compare scores from the new SAT, old SAT, and the ACT.
- **May 10:** March SAT online score reports available to students
- **June 14:** March SAT online score reports available to K–12 educators

Additional score release dates will be available at collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/getting-scores



ACCESS

Like scores from the other tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments, SAT scores will be available through the K–12 score portal where you can view information on scores for your school and district, and track student progress. **Since paper reports will not be sent to schools for the SAT, it's essential that you can successfully access the portal.**

- If you haven't accessed the portal before, you'll find step-by-step instructions at sat.org/k12-scores.
- If you've used the portal before, you can log on to k12reports.collegeboard.org to access score information from any of the SAT Suite of Assessments.
- Students can get their online score report at studentscores.collegeboard.org. If students don't have a free College Board account to see their scores, they can set one up at collegeboard.org.

We've worked closely with Naviance to ensure that schools using that software can easily import their data files. More information is available at sat.org/k12-scores.



UNDERSTAND

The new online SAT score reports include college and career readiness benchmarks, percentiles, and specific recommendations on areas for additional practice. Scores for the new SAT are on a 1600 score scale; the optional essay is scored separately.

Benchmarks: College and Career Readiness Benchmarks help students and educators assess student progress toward college readiness from year to year.

- There are separate benchmarks for the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section and the Math section of the SAT.

- Students are considered college- and career-ready when their SAT section scores meet both the Math and the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing benchmarks.
- More information is available at collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/scores/benchmarks.

Percentiles: Percentiles show you how your students performed on the test relative to other students; they represent the percentage of students in a particular grade whose scores fall at or below a specific score. There are two percentiles in the scores reports:

- **Nationally representative** sample percentiles are based on a representative sample of all U.S. students.
- **User percentiles** for the SAT will also be based on a research study until fall 2017, after which point they will be based on the prior year's test-taker results.



USE

Colleges will continue to use the SAT as a part of a holistic admission process. The vast majority of colleges and universities will accept scores from the old and new SAT until 2018. Students should always visit college websites to confirm admission policies.

Concordance: On May 9, concordance tools and resources – including the SAT Score Converter app – will be available at sat.org/score-converter. These tools will allow students and counselors to easily compare scores on the old SAT, new SAT, and the ACT.

Colleges also use concordance tables for many reasons, including:

- Comparing students' scores on the new SAT to scores on the old SAT, or vice-versa.
- Determining how to update policies that use SAT scores such as admission into a special program or qualification for a scholarship.

Score Sends: Students can request their SAT scores be sent to colleges when they register for the test or after test day. During registration, students receive four free score sends they can use up to nine days after the test. Students can also send scores at any time using their College Board account. Students who are eligible for an SAT fee waiver also get four additional score reports to use at any time during high school.

Score Choice: Students can use **Score Choice** to select which scores they send to colleges. Students who have taken only the new SAT or only the old SAT will see information about each college's score-use practices when they send their scores. Students who took both the old and new SAT should check the college's website to find out how they're planning to use scores.

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®: When students receive their scores from any test in the SAT Suite of Assessments, they can connect their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to get free, personalized study recommendations at satpractice.org

**We'll continue to make updates online,
so be sure to visit sat.org/k12-scores often.**